## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before the title, insert the following heading: --TITLE OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, before line 5, insert the following heading: --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, replace the paragraph beginning on line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

--The present invention relate to a drive belt according to the preamble of claim 1. The invention further relates to a continuously variable transmission wherein such drive belt is utilised.--

Page 1, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following heading:

## -- DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--

Page 3, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following heading:

## --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

--It is an object of the invention to improve the functional life of the known drive belt without increasing [[it]] its cost price, or, alternatively, lowering the cost price of the drive belt for a given nominal torque transmission capacity.

According to the invention this objects is realised with the drive belt according to claim 1.

Page 4, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 5, between lines 3 and 5, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--